

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 GEORGE 00711 061934Z

73

ACTION ARA-20

INFO OCT-01 IO-14 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10

L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03 SS-20

USIA-15 EB-11 FEA-02 INT-08 AID-20 STR-08 COME-00

FRB-02 TRSE-00 OMB-01 XMB-07 DRC-01 /169 W

----- 050325

R 061805Z MAY 74

FM AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9666

INFO AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

UNCLAS GEORGETOWN 0711

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, GY, UN

SUBJECT: PRESS CONFERENCE OF GUYANESE FOREIGN MINISTER

1. SUMMARY. ON MAY 2 FOREIGN MINISTER S.S. RAMPHAL HELD PRESS CONFERENCE WHERE HE DELIVERED STATEMENT DEALING WITH HIS ATTENDANCE AT NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS, HIS TRAVELS IN MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA, UNGA SPECIAL SESSION, AND MEXICO AND WASHINGTON FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. ON MAY 2ND FOLLOWING HIS RETURN AFTER 3 MONTH ABSENCE FROM GUYANA, FOREIGN MINISTER S.S. RAMPHAL DISCUSSED HIS TRAVELS WITH LOCAL PRESS IN GEORGETOWN. HIGHLIGHTS OF STATEMENT DELIVERED BY RAMPHAL TO REPORTERS FOLLOW.

3. NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS: RAMPHAL MENTIONED HIS ATTENDANCE AT ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED BUREAU MEETINGS IN MARCH AND AT MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS IN NEW YORK BEFORE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. RAMPHAL STATED AT BOTH MEETINGS HE STRESSED NEED TO COME TO GRIPS WITH PROBLEMS CREATED FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 GEORGE 00711 061934Z

OIL PRICE INCREASES.

4. VISITS TO AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST; RAMPHAL COMMENTED ON HIS VISITS TO KUWAIT, CAIRO, TRIPOLI, AND ABU DHABI SAYING THAT HE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS AND SOME HEADS OF STATE WHICH WERE ULTIMATELY OF SIGNIFICANCE AT UN SPECIAL SESSION. RAMPHAL ALSO MENTIONED HIS TRIP TO ADDIS ABABA FOR OAU MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. ALTHOUGH OAU MEETING DID NOT TAKE PLACE, RAMPHAL SAID HE HAD USEFUL CONSULTATIONS WITH AFRICAN MINISTERS.

5. UNGA SPECIAL SESSION: RAMPHAL STATED GUYANA HAD TWO OBJECTIVES AT UN SPECIAL SESSION: FIRST, AGREEMENT ON PRACTICAL STEPS TO ESTABLISH NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON PRICES OF MANUFACTURED GOODS AND RAW MATERIALS; SECOND, AGREEMENT ON EMERGENCY RELIEF MEASURES FOR COUNTRIES SUFFERING EFFECT OF OIL PRICE INCREASES. ACCORDING TO RAMPHAL, ADOPTION BY SPECIAL SESSION OF DECLARATION OF PRINCIPALS ON NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND ACTION PROGRAM IS INDICATION THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES RECOGNIZE TIME HAS COME FOR FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM. RAMPHAL NOTED GUYANA GAVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SECTION OF ACTION PROGRAM ON ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL FUND FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY ECONOMIC CRISIS. RAMPHAL, CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SUCCESS OF FUND, SAID HE LOOKED FOR POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS PARTICULARLY AMONG OPEC COUNTRIES WITH FINANCIAL SURPLUSES. RAMPHAL ALSO NOTED US PROPOSAL FOR FOUR BILLION DOLLAR FUND CONTAINED IMPORTANT IDEAS COMPLEMENTARY TO ASSEMBLY ACTION PROGRAM AND THAT US PROPOSAL FAILED TO RECEIVE SUFFICIENT ATTENTION BECAUSE IT WAS ADVANCED TOO LATE IN SESSION.

6. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL GROUP: RAMPHAL ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT OF GROUP ON EMERGENCY MEASURES CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM MINISTRIES OF TRADE, FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND BANK OF GUYANA TO DETERMINE GUYANA'S ASSISTANCE NEEDS AND CONSIDER POTENTIAL SOURCES OF RELIEF.

7. MEXICO AND WASHINGTON MEETINGS: COMMENTING ON MEXICO AND WASHINGTON MEETINGS OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS, RAMPHAL SAID THESE MEETINGS WERE OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO GUYANA WHICH IS NOT MEMBER OF OAS. RAMPHAL SAID AT UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 GEORGE 00711 061934Z

MEXICO MEETING HE DREW ATTENTION TO NEED TO INCLUDE CUBA AND CANADA AT HEMISPHERIC MEETINGS AND HE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION PROSPECT OF BOTH ATTENDING NEXT YEAR'S MEETING. RAMPHAL SAID NEW SPIRIT IN INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS IS DISCERNABLE, "SPIRIT OF TOLERANCE, OF UNDERSTANDING, OF MUTUAL ACCOMODATION, AND OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE." DRAWING ATTENTION TO PRESENCE OF VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR AT PRESS CONFERENCE AND VENEZUELAN SUPPORT FOR GUYANESE MEMBERSHIP IN INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK,

RAMPHAL ALSO CITED IMPROVED CLIMATE OF RELATIONS WITH LATIN NEIGHBORS.

8. CARIBBEAN COOPERATION: RAMPHAL MADE SPECIAL MENTION OF WORKING CLOSELY WITH OTHER CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY JAMAICA, IN DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC CRISIS.

9. FULL TEXT OF RAMPHAL STATEMENT BEING POUCHED. KREBS

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REPORTS, PRESS CONFERENCES, PERSONNEL TRAVEL, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 06 MAY 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974GEORGE00711
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740109-0441
From: GEORGETOWN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740572/aaaacmoh.tel
Line Count: 124
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: cunninfx
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 OCT 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <29 OCT 2002 by shawdg>; APPROVED <03 JAN 2003 by cunninfx>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESS CONFERENCE OF GUYANESE FOREIGN MINISTER
TAGS: PFOR, GY, UN, (RAMPHAL, S S)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005